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For: **A METHOD OF CONFIGURING A
SLICE OF PIZZA-TYPE PIE AND
AN APPARATUS FOR PREPARING
A PIZZA TYPE PIE**

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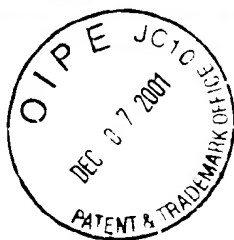
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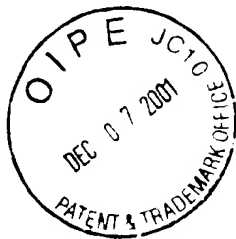
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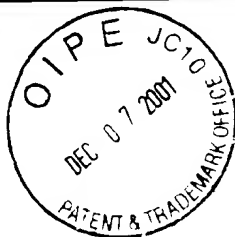
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